

disappointed in finding that we had not given the Delawares the least cause or Umbrage for falling out with us and complains that they had all been much abused and deceived by false representations of our Treatment of the Delawares and designs against them

I am Your Excellency's most obedient humble Servant  
By Order of the Council W<sup>m</sup> Peters  
His Excellency Horatio Sharp Esq<sup>r</sup>

Original.

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Philadelphia Aug. 15. 1756

Sir.

I received yesterday by Express from Cumberland County an Account that Fort Granville on the River Juniata near our Western Frontier was on the 30 Ultimo attackt taken and burnt by a Body of French assisted by a number of Indians all under the Command of a French Officer. There were in the Fort when Attackt a Lieutenant and Twenty four Men with some Women and Children; They killed the Lieut: and some of the Men in the Action and carried off the rest Prisoners and made a division of them, allotting to the French the Young Men and the Women, and to the Indians the oldest of the Men and the Children. After they had destroyed the Fort the French Officer set up a French Flag. They have committed many other ravages and Scalped and carried off many more of the People in that part of the Country, which has so terrify'd the rest that I am very apprehensive that whole Country will be very soon deserted and the River Susquehannah become our Western Frontier if some more speedy and effectual measures are not taken to prevent it than I have any reason to expect from my perverse Assembly, who being to meet to Morrow I shall then in the Strongest Terms I can press them to provide immediately for the better defence of that part of the Province now in such imminent danger. I have the honor to be

Your Excellencys

Most obed<sup>t</sup> Humble serv<sup>t</sup>Rob<sup>t</sup> H: Morris

P. S. Since writing the above I am informed that another Fort on the Western frontier at a place called M<sup>c</sup>Dowell's Mill is actually evacuated and that the People in those parts who have hitherto mentained their ground, are now moveing down into the thicker settled parts of the Province on this side the Susquahannah. and as by the evacuation of that Fort our communication with the Forts Lyttelton and Shirley will be cut off it will be very difficult in our present circumstances to hinder them from falling into the Enemys Hands.